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UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR EMBEDDING WATERMARK INFORMATION IN COMPRESSED IMAGE DATA, AND APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR RETRIEVING WATERMARK INFORMATION FROM COMPRESSED IMAGE DATA HAVING WATERMARK INFORMATION EMBEDDED THEREIN

Enclosed are:

- 95 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
- Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- Priority Claimed.
- Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-025664
- 24 sheets of formal drawing.
- An assignment of the invention to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. and the assignment recordation fee.
- An associate power of attorney.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and reference.
- Return Receipt Postcard

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Independent Claims	2	-3	0	\$84.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s)					\$0.00
Basic Fee					\$740.00
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